

Street. At the time, it was the twentieth secondary school sponsored by the Jesuits in the U.S. An all male college preparatory high school, the Wildcats continue to live by the school motto, "Men for Others." Academically, St. Ignatius is one of Ohio's most prestigious high schools. It is St. Ignatius great emphasis on academic achievement which produces scholars and which translates to success both on and off the field. Each year 99% of its students go on to four-year college programs.

Led by Coach Chuck Kyle, the St. Ignatius Wildcats took to the field at 7:07 p.m. on December 3, 2011 against the Pickerington Tigers. The Wildcats gained an early lead in the first quarter, highlighted by a 45 yard touchdown pass by Eric Williams to Tim McCoy. The first half ended with the Wildcats ahead, thanks to two Tim Shenk field goals and a Tim McVey rushing touchdown, by a score of 20-13. The second half was dominated by the Wildcats defense, which did not allow the Tigers to score again. The Wildcats offense continued to produce; Tim McVey ran for another touchdown and Eric Williams threw a 40 yard touchdown to Jake Mooney. At 10:03 p.m., the St. Ignatius Wildcats left the field as OHSAA Division I State Champions for the 11th time in 12 state championship appearances with a score of 34-13.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in congratulating the 2011 OHSAA Division I State Champions, the St. Ignatius Football Team.

RECOGNIZING MRS. ALMA R. HOLLINS-RUCKER FOR HER DEDICATION TO SERVING OTHERS

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 24, 2012*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Mrs. Alma R. Hollins-Rucker. Mrs. Rucker was born and raised in Yazoo City, Mississippi. She is the daughter of Mr. Arnett Hollins and the late Ms. Carrie Mae Wright. She is a pillar of her community for not only holding reputable positions within her church, but by also promoting a positive image and reputation through her service to others in the community.

Mrs. Rucker started serving the Lord at an early age at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church where she is still a member and serves as President of the Pastor's Aide Club and Chair of the Trustee Board.

She graduated from Yazoo City High School in 1970 and attended Draughton's Business College. After attending Draughton's Business College, she became the Assistant Librarian at Lamar Library and retired four years later in management due to an acquired disability.

Despite her handicap, Mrs. Rucker continues to serve her community through countless acts of servitude. She volunteers at several food pantries and nursing homes and provides donations to various organizations throughout her community. Mrs. Rucker is the mother of five children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Alma R. Rucker for her dedication to serving others in need.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. MARTIN HEINRICH

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 24, 2012*

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed three votes on the afternoon of January 18, 2012, which included rollcall votes 2, 3, and 4.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 2, Representative SCOTT's (SC-01) bill, H. Res. 515.

If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of rollcall vote 3, Approval of the Journal.

If I had been present, I would have voted against rollcall vote 4, Representative TOM REED's (NY-29) bill, H.J. Res. 98.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION OF A HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMPION: DOUGLAS A. JOHNSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE

#### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 24, 2012*

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the inspiring career of Mr. Doug Johnson, an international leader and voice for human rights, on the occasion of his retirement from the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT).

When the Center for Victims of Torture opened in Saint Paul, Minnesota in 1985 it was the first center of its kind in the United States and only the third torture treatment center in the world. Doug Johnson became its Executive Director in 1988 and served in this role for the next 23 years. Today, because of Doug's extraordinary leadership and commitment to eradicating torture, CVT is helping thousands of torture survivors from over 60 countries at centers in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, the District of Columbia, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Jordan, Kenya and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Thanks to Doug Johnson's vision, CVT has become a global leader in the treatment of torture. Doug and CVT have received numerous awards for their pioneering work, including the National Crime Victims Service Award, which is the highest civilian honor awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice. CVT is also a leading advocate for torture victims. Doug worked closely with former Minnesota Senator Dave Durenberger to pass the original Torture Victims Relief Act in 1998, which authorizes federal funding for torture survivor rehabilitation programs in the U.S. and abroad. The United States is the world's largest donor to torture survivor rehabilitation thanks to leaders like Doug Johnson.

CVT's central and steadfast conviction that torture is a crime against humanity—a crime against all of us—is one that I share. It is a weapon of terror, intimidation and cruelty that seeks to dehumanize its victims and traumatize their communities. Torture victims face debilitating and unimaginable physical, social, emotional and spiritual scarring. Unfortunately, thousands of our brothers and sisters around

the world have experienced this horror and are struggling each day to live with its aftermath. That is why the work of the Center for Victims of Torture is so incredibly important.

While it is easy for many of us to point fingers at foreign governments when human rights are abused and torture is used to coerce, silence, or intimidate, it takes the courage of one's convictions to stand up to one's own government when abuses are exposed. During the past decade, Doug was a voice for America's best and highest ideals of due process and respect for human rights. When the American people learned of torture as a sanctioned interrogation technique by our own government in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay, or other clandestine prisons, it was Doug Johnson who spoke out loudly and fearlessly. He rallied human rights leaders and policy makers to condemn these abuses and sought to expose them for what they were—torture. Doug influenced the debate in Congress and helped elevate torture as an issue of national significance.

CVT is a Minnesota treasure and it has been my pleasure to work closely with Doug Johnson over the past eleven years. The legacy of Doug Johnson will live on in CVT's work providing hope for survivors of torture around the world and bring us ever closer to a world free from torture.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND JOSEPH LEE JOHNSON

#### HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 24, 2012*

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reverend Joseph Lee Johnson, a dynamic leader of the religious community and a founder of the Police Chaplains Program in the City of Richmond, California—and to mark his passing on January 9, 2012, at the age of 93.

Born in Westdale, Louisiana on September 3, 1918, to the late Adeline and Bill Johnson, J.L. Johnson was one of twelve children. In December of 1937, he met Ida Mae Gilliom—they were married two weeks later on January 11, 1938. He and Ida Mae remained happily married for nearly 74 years.

In September 1943 he and Ida Mae moved to Vallejo, California, where he worked at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard. It was there that he united with Union Baptist Church where he served on the Deacon Board until 1950, when he was ordained and became Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptists Church in Vallejo. He continued to pastor at St. John Church for over 21 years. Reverend Johnson organized the Baptist Ministers Union of Vallejo, and was elected its first president. In addition, he was president of the Interdenominational Ministers Alliance for many years, organizing local clergy around issues such as promoting civil rights, ending hunger, and curbing violence.

Reverend Johnson also started one of the first food programs in Richmond where he was instrumental in working with government agencies to provide cheese, butter and other food to local churches to feed low-income families.

He was a peacemaker. During the social unrest of the 1960s, the Bissell property where Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church is now located was, at the time, the local headquarters